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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: UN CONFERENCE ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR  
LINER CONFERENCES

REF: (A) GENEVA A-514; (B) GENEVA 5670

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES SUCCESS OF MISSION IN PERSUADING  
GROUP B DELS TO SOFTEN POSITION RE DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK ON  
ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE. DEPARTMENT  
CONCURS IN SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED LETTER AS DESCRIBED  
PARA. 1 REFTEL AND REQUESTS CABLE REPORT OF TEXT AS SOON  
AS IT FORMALLY AGREED WITHIN GROUP B. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE  
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ON POINTS RAISED PARA. 2 REFTEL BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT

GROUP B DOES REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANCE PARA. 1  
REFTEL.

2. (A) NUMBER OF COMMITTEES. THIS DOES NOT INVOLVE POLICY  
ISSUES BUT RATHER PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION, I.E. WORKING  
EFFICIENCY OF CONFERENCE. EXPERIENCE AT TWO PREP COMM  
MEETINGS SHOWED THAT THIRD WORKING GROUP (DEALING WITH  
OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF CODE) WAS SUPERFLOUS AND  
DETRACTED FROM EFFORTS TO COORDINATE OVERALL WORK AND  
WITHIN GROUP. WE FEEL THAT CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIVES  
AND PRINCIPLES IS INTIMATELY RELATED TO SUBSTANTIVE PRO-  
VISIONS (SECTIONS B-E) OF CODE AND SHOULD ON THIS GROUND

TAKE PLACE IN SAME COMMITTEE THAT DEALS WITH SUBSTANCE.  
RATHER THAN ACCEPT SECRETARIAT INTERPRETATION OF LDC  
DESIRES (PARA. 3.A. REFTEL) WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE FOR  
GROUP B TO ADVOCATE 2-COMMITTEE STRUCTURE BUT BE WILLING  
TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES WITH 77 AND TAKE FINAL DECISION ON  
BASIS OF MERITS OF RESPECTIVE ARGUMENTS. IT SHOULD BE  
POSSIBLE TO HOLD THIS SORT OF DISCUSSION WITH 77 WITHOUT  
CONFRONTATION ATMOSPHERE.

(B) POSTS FOR GROUP B. WE CONCUR THAT IN GENERAL  
COMMITTEE (OR BUREAU) OF 12 OFFICERS, GROUP B SHOULD EXPECT  
TO OBTAIN FOUR POSTS. WE WOULD EXPECT, ON BASIS OF  
EXPERIENCE AT PREP COMM MEETINGS, THAT CONSENSUS WOULD  
EXIST AMONG ALL GROUPS FOR GROUP B (US) REP AS RAPPOR-  
TEUR. IF THERE ONLY TWO MAIN COMMITTEES, THEREFORE, WE  
WOULD NOT EXPECT GROUP B CANDIDACY FOR MAIN COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMANSHIP, AND THIS WOULD MEAN THREE GROUP B VICE  
PRESIDENTS. IF THREE MAIN COMMITTEES UNAVOIDABLE, WE  
WOULD THEN EXPECT GROUP B CHAIRMAN FOR ONE OF COMMITTEES,  
PREFERABLY THAT ON IMPLEMENTATION. THIS WOULD  
CONSEQUENTLY REQUIRE ONLY TWO GROUP B VICE PRESIDENTS.

(C) GROUP B CANDIDATES. WE AGREE THAT DE GROOT  
(NETHERLANDS) AS GROUP B COORDINATOR SHOULD BE ONE VICE  
PRESIDENT. AT OECD/MTC SPECIAL GROUP MEETING (OCTOBER 2 -  
5) US REP AGREED THAT ANTOUN (US) WOULD BE AVAILABLE  
CANDIDATE FOR RAPPORTEUR. IN CASE OF TWO MAIN COMMITTEES,  
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OTHER TWO GROUP B VICE PRESIDENTS SHOULD BE ONE EACH FROM  
CSG AND NON-CSG (CANADA OR AUSTRALIA) COUNTRIES, AS  
SUGGESTED REFTEL. IN CASE OF THREE MAIN COMMITTEES, WE  
BELIEVE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SELVIG (NORWAY)  
FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE, DEPENDING  
ON ATMOSPHERE GENERATED BY HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF CURRENT  
UNCTAD IPG ON INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORT. IF  
SELVIG WERE CHOSEN CHAIRMAN, REMAINING GROUP B VICE

PRESIDENT SHOULD BE FROM NON-CSG COUNTRY. KISSINGER

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